

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended. Claims 1-17 are hereby cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

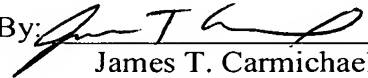
Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications with regard to the cancelled claims. New claims 18-20 are submitted herewith for examination.

Should the Examiner believe that further amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, or if the Examiner believes that a personal interview would be advantageous in order to more expeditiously resolve any remaining issues, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (Attorney Docket No. T3707-8770US01) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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